Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In the past year, 22.2 million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder, and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery; and,

Whereas, Treatment reduces reported job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism, by an average of 75 percent; and,

Whereas, Treatment is cost effective, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of up to 7:1, with substance use disorder treatment costing $1,583 per person on average and having a monetary benefit to society of nearly $11,487 for each person treated; and,

Whereas, It is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious healthcare problem, and by taking steps to address it, as well as provide support for the families and children of those with these disorders, we can save lives and dollars; and,

Whereas, Over 60 percent of all the clientele that have been admitted into the two specialized Meth treatment programs in South Dakota completed the programs with a recidivism rate of 39 percent; and,

Whereas, Clients in South Dakota who completed treatment had significantly fewer arrests, 3.6 times fewer misdemeanor arrests, and 17 times fewer felony arrests after treatment than they did before treatment; and,

Whereas, To help achieve this goal, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the South Dakota Department of Human Services' Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and all local alcohol and drug treatment facilities and programs invite all residents of South Dakota to participate in Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2007 as

ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens to support this year's national theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Saving Lives, Saving Dollars" with appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State